

30. The system of claim 29, wherein the recording module further comprises a multidisk DVD RAM platter.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By the Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 10 to more appropriately claim the subject matter of the present invention. Furthermore, Applicant has added new dependent claims 24 and 25, depending from independent claims 1 and 10 respectively, and added independent claims 26-30 to more appropriately claim the subject matter of the present invention.

Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are fully supported by the original application. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the entry, examination and timely allowance of claims 1-30 in this application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT OF April 30, 2002

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1. (Amended) A method of distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitting simultaneously a plurality of music selections to a plurality of customer households [by a broadcasting transmission system] for receipt on a plurality of inputs;

providing [each] at least one customer household with information identifying available music selections that will be transmitted;

enabling [each] the at least one customer household to preselect and record [desired] transmitted music selections in a storage medium [in conventional compact disc (CD) format];

permitting [each] the at least one customer household to [permanently] select recorded music selections [that the customer wishes to maintain] for unrestricted playback;

communicating [permanent] unrestricted playback selection information from [each] the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

billing the at least one customer [households] household for the recorded music selections that are [permanently] selected for unrestricted playback.

10. (Amended) A system for distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

transmission means for simultaneously blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections [to customer households] and information identifying available music selections [that capable of being transmitted] to a plurality of customer households;

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a computer-based recording, storage and playback station at [each] the least one customer household, said station comprising:

means enabling the customer to preselect, from the transmitted availability information, [desired transmitted] available music selections for recording;

means for receiving simultaneous transmission of multiple music selections on a plurality of inputs and for recording [desired] the received music selections in a storage medium;

means enabling [each] customer [household] to [permanently] select recorded music selections [that the customer desires to maintain] for unrestricted playback; and,

means for communicating [permanent] unrestricted playback selection information from [each] user station to a central controller system; and,

a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill the at least one customer [households] household for the recorded music selections that are [permanently] selected for unrestricted playback.

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